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NOT FIT DESCRIPTION OF EITHER ASSAILANT OF ANASTASIA AS FURNISHED BY NYCPD. APPEARS NYO HAS TWO ALTERNATIVES- EITHER TURN THE MATTER OVER TO NYCPD OR LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] IN EVENT [REDACTED] ADMITS IMPLICATION IT WOULD REFLECT FAVORABLY ON THE BUREAU. IN EVENT [REDACTED] IS INTERVIEWED AND FAILS TO MAKE DISCLOSURE BUREAU WOULD HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO HOLD HIM AND IF PD LATER IMPLICATES HIM IN THE CRIME, THE BUREAU WOULD BE SUBJECT TO CRITICISM. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT BUREAU AUTHORIZE NYO TO REFER THIS MATTER TO NYCPD. *bv*

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MR. ROSEN
AND SUPERVISOR
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Office Memorandum • RUN 12 TEL

GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 12-22-57

FROM : [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: ^① ALBERT ANASTASIA
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGETime of call 5:50 PM
12-21-57

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Boardman	_____
Belmont	_____
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Parsons	_____
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SA [REDACTED], New York Office, was instructed to furnish the information regarding [REDACTED] to the New York City Police. They were also instructed to advise the Miami Division to furnish the information received there to the Dade County Sheriff's Office and New York also is to furnish this information to the New York City Police. b7c

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Date: 12/24/57

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AIRMAIL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (92-78)

RE : ALBERT ANASTASIA (DECEASED)
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
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Reurairtel 12/19/57.

There is no General Sherman Hotel in Atlanta or Atlanta area. Investigation reflects N.Y. interest purchased in recent months, The Henry Grady & Briarcliff Hotel, Atlanta. Efforts being made to determine if [REDACTED] or captioned subject connected in instant purchase of Atlanta Hotels.

New York requested to recontact [REDACTED] NYCPD, in an effort to verify General Sherman Hotel, Atlanta, Ga. information. Investigation continuing.

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- (94-419)-Sub # 5)
- 2- Atlanta

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Date: 12/23/57

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TO: DIRECTOR
 FROM: SAC, MIAMI (62-1273)
 RE: ALBERT ANASTASIA;
 GIIF.

[REDACTED]

Pursuant to Bureau instructions,

[REDACTED]

On basis information, a check made in vicinity Sahara Motel, 18135 Collins Ave., Sunny Isles, developed that directly opposite thereto was a new shopping center which extends for entire city block. In center of shopping center is located the Community Barber Shop at 18186 Collins Ave.

[REDACTED]

An examination of instant barber shop reflects there is no rear room or upstairs wherein any person could hide out. However, directly behind shopping center area there is located an apartment building containing eight, one bedroom apartments at the address 18126 Atlantic Boulevard. This apartment building only building located behind shopping center.

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[REDACTED] J. A. Cantor Real Estate, 1451 N. Bayshore Drive, Miami, advised that new shopping center wherein barber shop located and apartment building previously mentioned were owned by J. A. Cantor. [REDACTED] made available leases for that building, but names of the lessees of the apartments did not appear of any significance, and it was noted all had occupied their apartments for some period of time. Apartment #3 has been vacant since 12/1/57, when the previous occupants moved out. [REDACTED] verified that the Community Barber Shop [REDACTED]

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Additional contact had with [REDACTED]

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The results of above telephonically furnished Assistant Director ROSEN same date.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions received 12/21/57, SA [REDACTED] telephonically furnished details of above to [REDACTED] Dade County Sheriff's Office [REDACTED], at 10:15 PM, same date.

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In absence request for additional investigation, case being considered closed.

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3 AIRTEL

62-98011-46

To: SAC, Atlanta

From: Director, FBI

ALBERT ANASTASIA (DECEASED)
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
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Re New York airtel 12/13/57.

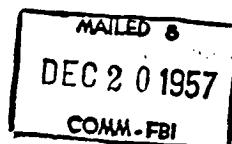
Expedite investigation requested in reairtel
and advise Bureau as soon as results obtained.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Boardman *MR*
12-19-57

DATE: December 18, 1957

FROM : A. Rosen *R*SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

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With further reference to the check that is being made by the Miami Office with reference to the above-entitled matter, the following is submitted.

SAC Williams states that they have been checking on the barber shop and it is located in the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Office in Dade County. It is a new area. [REDACTED]

The barber shop is so situated that you could look directly through it to the rear and no one could have occupied any area in the rear of the barber shop. However, there is a wooden fence separating the rear of the barber shop from a new apartment building immediately adjoining. It is situated on a new street which has just been opened and a check of the apartments indicates that nothing of significance is known of any of the tenants with the exception of one, which appears to be an apartment occupied by the Fontaine Racing Account [REDACTED]

With reference to the other occupants they are also going to check with the large rental agency that built and maintains the apartment. The apartment, it is also noted, is separated by one vacant lot from a canal which runs immediately behind it.

J. A. Cantor Associates is the real estate outfit maintaining the apartment, and Miami states that they believe them to be reputable. They

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman
Re: Albert Anastasia
General Investigative Intelligence File

have been there for a number of years, and Miami plans to check the leases for the various apartments to determine whether any information of significance can be developed.

I told Williams to make these checks of the leases, and to follow up on the reinterview of [REDACTED] to see if he has come up with any additional information and that after these checks are made, we will then decide what further action would be taken. *b7c*

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On 12-19, New York has been telephonically advised that Bureau authority to turn this matter over to New York City Police Department denied at this time. New York has been instructed to conduct further discreet inquiry regarding [REDACTED]. It was suggested that available employment records at Idlewild Airport be checked. New York was told to furnish further identifying data regarding [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] New York was also instructed to telephonically apprise Chicago regarding this matter and to have them identify [REDACTED].

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 31, 1957

FROM : Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

INFORMATION CONCERNING

On December 26, 1957, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] contacted the office of the Legat, Havana. He advised that he and [REDACTED] were in Havana for the purpose of gathering material to write a series of articles on the activities of hoodlums and gamblers in Havana. [REDACTED] said that they would attempt to ascertain the tie-up between the Cuban Government and the American hoodlum element that has moved into Havana. [REDACTED] indicated further that they were attempting to develop information concerning the reasons for the murder of ALBERT ANASTASIA and the identities of the individuals behind this murder.

[REDACTED] said that in the event they should develop any information which would be of value to the Bureau, he would advise the office of the Legat.

Two extra copies of this letter have been prepared for the Bureau file captioned "ALBERT ANASTASIA, TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE, GIIF, ANTI-RACKETEERING."

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Mr. Clayton _____
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Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

URGENT 1-4-58 2-12 AM GPU

TO DIRECTOR AND SAC DALLAS

FROM SAC NEW YORK

ALBERT ANASTASIA, TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE. REDL TEL ONE THREE LAST.

Unless Advised to contrary by Bureau

UACB NO INVESTIGATION REQUESTED OF DALLAS. NYCPD ADVISED

RE PROSPECTIVE TRAVEL OF [REDACTED]

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DO. MR. ROSEN
AND SUPERVISOR
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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Mr. Rosen

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URGENT 12-17-57 3-01 PM MTR

TO DIRECTOR 1

FROM SAC NEW YORK 1P

ALBERT ANASTASIA, GIIF. REMIAMI TEL TO NY THIS DATE. FOLLOWING INFO
WAS FURNISHED BY MIAMI OFFICE IN RETEL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MIAMI OFFICE ADVISED NO
ACTION BEING TAKEN AND ABOVE INFO TO BE FURNISHED DADE COUNTY
SHERIFF-S OFFICE DECEMBER EIGHTEENTH NEXT UAC BY NY. NYO REQUESTS
AUTHORIZATION TO FURNISH INFO TO NYCPD. *y*

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Mr. Rosen

*Message to Mr. Boardman
12-17-57
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *1/2 12/19/57*

DATE: 12/18/57

FROM : A. ROSEN *f*SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE FILE

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With reference to the information from Miami relative to Anastasia, I called SAC John Williams to ascertain developments to date.

He stated they had recontacted [REDACTED]

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I asked Williams if he had any knowledge concerning the present activities of [REDACTED]

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ACTION BEING TAKEN

I told Williams to keep after this matter to see if anything further could be developed and that he should call me back concerning developments. Williams stated they were checking in the area of the barbershop; that this location was in the Sunny Isles part of Miami Beach and they were at the present time trying to see what could be developed. He will call later.

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Date: 1/7/58

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (92-180)
ALBERT ANASTASIA
GLIF - TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE

Reference is made to previous communications from this office furnishing information re allegation of the location of the murderers of ALBERT ANASTASIA which information, pursuant to Bureau authority in New York teletype dated 12/21/57, was furnished to [REDACTED] Dade County Sheriff's Office, Miami, Fla.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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Per [Signature]

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[REDACTED]

A check of the indices of the Miami Division failed to develop any information concerning [REDACTED]

As a matter of cooperation with Dade County Sheriff's Office, New York is requested to furnish any available background information concerning [REDACTED]

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Special Agent in Charge

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3/6/58

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In this regard, former SA [REDACTED] indicated on February 27, 1958, that he had heard a rumor that Anastasia's murder had nothing to do with Cuban gambling activities. According to the rumor, Anastasia was murdered by the "Irish gang" in New York City as a result of an argument over the control of the waterfront.

ALBERT G. VAUGHAN, Officer in Charge of the local Immigration and Naturalization Service Office in Havana, who has insisted that his identity remain confidential in this matter, advised on March 6, 1958, that the exclusion of MEYER LANSKY from Cuba by Cuban Minister of Interior SANTIAGO REY was caused by pressure brought to bear on Cuban President FULGENCIO BATISTA by American Ambassador EARL E. T. SMITH and Assistant Attorney General TOMPKINS. He said that TOMPKINS came to Cuba ostensibly in connection with the Neutrality Act investigation of [REDACTED] but that he "got together" with Ambassador SMITH and together they influenced President BATISTA to instruct SANTIAGO REY that LANSKY should be excluded from Cuba.

(S-1) (X) declared per INS letter dated 1/14/86

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Havana 94-13

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Mr. VAUGHAN said that Ambassador SMITH was supposedly the only American in Cuba who knew that this had transpired but that he (VAUGHAN) had learned it from TOMPKINS because of a close personal friendship that he has with TOMPKINS. According to VAUGHAN, TOMPKINS believed that by forcing LANSKY out of Cuba and back to the United States, enough bad publicity could be brought to bear on LANSKY to make him "tell what he knows about the Anastasia murder." (S-1) (X)(u)

The Office of the Legal Attache, Havana, has noticed a recent development of a strong reluctance to furnish information on the part of some important American gamblers who previously had been developed to the point where they were willing to furnish some information to this office. Based on the information set forth above from [REDACTED], it would appear that these gamblers have received information from high Cuban officials that the American Embassy was behind MEYER LANSKY's exclusion from Cuba. (S-1) (X)(u)

The Legal Attache, Havana requests that the information furnished by Mr. VAUGHAN not be revealed to anyone outside the Bureau since it would jeopardize the source. In the event the Bureau desires to make available the information furnished by [REDACTED] concerning the comments made to him by high Cuban officials, [REDACTED] identity should not be revealed. (S-1) (X)(u)

Sufficient extra copies of this letter have been prepared so that the Bureau may forward copies to New York and Miami Offices for captioned file as well as files on MEYER LANSKY and [REDACTED]. For that purpose six copies are furnished the Bureau, and in addition four copies are furnished for New York as well as three copies for Miami (Information).

Hotel Files \$500,000 Suit Against Anastasia Barber

The Park Sheraton Hotel, which recently was defeated in the courts in its attempt to break the lease of the ground-floor barber shop in which mobster Albert Anastasia was murdered, has brought suit against barber shop owner Arthur Grasso for \$500,000 damages, it was disclosed yesterday in Supreme Court.

The hotel corporation charged that Grasso violated a "good conduct" clause in his lease by "soliciting" the business of known underworld characters, including Anastasia, who was gunned to death in a barber chair last Oct. 25.

The hotel named an alternative judgment for the court to con-

sider: forfeiture of the lease and \$12,000 damages.

The suit came to light when Grasso's attorney, Lee Kotler of 55 Chambers St., filed a petition for dismissal of the complaint on the ground it contained too few facts to constitute a legal claim.

A hearing on the petition was scheduled for next Wednesday.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/17/58

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (92-139)

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA (DECEASED)
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
GIIF

Re New York airtel to Bureau 12/16/57.

cc. 3 - Bureau
2 - New York City (94-419, Sub 5)
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1 - Albany (92-139)

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According to a news release in 1939, JOHN MELITO was indicted with 67 men and one woman for conspiracy to defraud the Federal Government of alcohol taxes approximating five million dollars through maintenance of 12 unregistered stills in Utica and vicinity over a five and one-half year period. In June, 1939, MELITO was convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States Government of internal revenue taxes and sentenced to prison for a term of one year and one day and fined \$1,000.00. He was paroled March 13, 1940. In a news release dated 1/9/39, JOHN MELITO was described by Assistant District Attorney JOSEPH as the "front" man for JOSEPH and SALVATORE FALCONE, alleged leaders of the still ring.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (94-419-Subfile 5)

SUBJECT: ⁰ALBERT ANASTASIA, wa. (Deceased)
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
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[REDACTED] b7C b7D

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It is to be further noted that recently District Attorney HOGAN, NY County, issued a wanted notice for questioning of [REDACTED] HOGAN indicated he wanted to talk to [REDACTED] concerning the murder of ALBERT ANASTASIA. Based upon this, the information that [REDACTED] was in NYC was furnished to [REDACTED], NYCPD. On 2/13/57, [REDACTED] telephonically advised the NYO that DA HOGAN's men picked up [REDACTED] and he appeared before the NY County Grand Jury on 2/12/57. Results of [REDACTED] interview by HOGAN not known to the NYO. NYO maintain contact with [REDACTED] NYCPD, and will follow closely [REDACTED]

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1 - Miami (Info)

3 - New York (94-419-Subfile 5)

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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Bureau is requested to furnish one copy of
this airtel to Legal, Havana, for information purposes.

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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Per _____

Date: 2, 27, --

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (94-419sub5)
SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA
TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
GIIF

Re NY airtel to Bureau, dated 11/19/57.

[REDACTED] b7c b7D
Information [REDACTED] was in NYC was furnished to the NYCPD as they were vitally interested in connection with the death of ANASTASIA. [REDACTED] b2 b7D

[REDACTED] questioned by District Attorney's Office on 2/24/58, and is to appear before NY County Grand Jury on 3/3/58. [REDACTED] b7c b7D

- 3 - Bureau
2 - Los Angeles (62-3157)
 (1 - 92-106)
2 - New Orleans
2 - Phoenix
1 - New York
1 - New York (92-718)
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Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

NY 94-419sub5

[REDACTED]

The New Orleans Office is requested to check the name [REDACTED] through the office indices and furnish background concerning [REDACTED] to the NYO.

The Phoenix Office is requested to ascertain if [REDACTED] has an arrest record in Phoenix and will immediately furnish results of this check to the NYO.

NYO following and will report.

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Office Memorandum

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U. S. GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 6, 1958

FROM : Legat, Havana (94-13)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SUBJECT:

ALBERT ANASTASIA, wa. (Deceased)
 TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE
 ANTI-RACKETEERING

FOI/PA #	2553/52
APPEAL #	
CIVIL #	
E.C. #	12356
DATE	7/3/85
INITIALS	

Reference New York airtel to Bureau dated February 13, 1958, setting forth information furnished by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

3cc MM
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 1cc SU
 1cc NK

13 - Bureau
 3 - Havana

(1 - 92-8, [REDACTED])
 (1 - 92-14, Meyer Lansky)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3-15-58

FROM : J. Edgar Hoover, MIAMI (92-180)

SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA (DECEASED)
GIFF - TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE*bc*
Re MM airtel to Director dated 1-7-58, and MM letter to NY dated 1-7-58.

Inasmuch as there is no further investigation for Miami, this matter being considered RUC.

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2-Bureau (AM)
2-New York (AM) (94-919, Sub #5)
1-Miami
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: May 9, 1958

FROM : G. A. NEASE *GA*SUBJECT: *W*

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SAC Powers called from New York and stated that yesterday he had received an inquiry from [REDACTED] Associated Press concerning a report from Naples that the FBI had asked the Italian Police to locate Sonny Pinto (ph.) in connection with the Anastasia murder and that he had said that he had no comment to make. *b7c*

U.S. Italy
Today, "The New York Post" ran an article on the Anastasia case pointing out that Pinto is believed to be identical with Carmine Di Biase *U.S.* and referred to the report from Italy that the Italian Police had been asked to locate Pinto. It quotes Powers as denying that Federal agents had entered the case and that he had refused to comment on whether the FBI was looking for anyone on another case in Italy.

Powers stated he has not talked to the Post or anyone else other than the Associated Press and his only reply had been "no comment."

cc-Mr. Boardman
cc-Mr. Rosen
cc-Mr. Jones
GAN:jmr *gan*
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Submitting Agency SA [REDACTED] b7v

Delivered by Telephonically requested by SA [REDACTED] 1-3-63

Victim _____ Accepted By [REDACTED]

Offense UNSUBS; ALBERT ANASTASIA - VICTIM L. F. P. S. # 11502 b7v

Place and date MURDER

Suspects _____

Named suspect:

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ALBERT ANASTASIA- VICTIM
MURDER

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Submitting Agency SA [REDACTED] Telephonically advised 9:45am

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Delivered by [REDACTED] Date 12-14-62

Victim UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

Accepted By [REDACTED]

Offense ALBERT ANASTASIA - VICTIM

L. F. P. S. #

Place and date MURDER

Suspects

[REDACTED]

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SA

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advised telephonically 9:45AM

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SA

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
ALBERT ANASTASIA - VICTIM
MURDER

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Named suspect:

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SA telephonically advised 9:45 AM
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No written answer rec.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 7-18-74

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST CONCERNING
ALBERT ANASTASIA; VITO GENOVESE; NICOLA
GENTILE; CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO, AKA,;
SALVATORE MARANZANO

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We propose furnishing the attached documents, including reports and public source material, concerning the following subjects to Alan Block, a historian at Alfred Univeristy, Alfred, New York:

Albert Anastasia (62-98011; 92-2573;
92-2567)
Vito Genovese (92-3759; 92-2709)
Nicola Gentile (92-7035)
Charles "Lucky" Luciano (39-2141;
31-44320) (ON MICRO FILM)

Names and identifying information on all individuals and businesses, other than subjects, have been deleted except in public source data.

No pertinent identifiable data was located concerning Salvatore Maranzano.

This request was initially coordinated with the Special Investigative Division.

Mr. Block has submitted the necessary deposit.

RECOMMENDATION:

That upon approval, the attached documents be returned to the Freedom of Information Act Unit, Legal Counsel, for completion of processing and transmittal to Block.

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Enclosures

- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
Attention: J. E. McHale; E. J. Sharp
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Bufile 62-115530 (FOI - REPLIES)

SAC, New York (94-419Sub5)

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Director, FBI (62-98011)

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ALBERT ANASTASIA (Deceased)
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The New York "Daily News" of 3/27/69, carried an article on page three under the by-line of William Federici with the headline "Anastasia Suspect Seeks to Leave U. S."

The above article stated that the prime suspect in the 1959 gangland slaying of Anastasia had applied to the New York State Parole Board for permission to leave the United States. The alleged suspect, not named in the article, was said to have been paroled last year after nearly seven years in the Greenhaven prison for assault and robbery.

Through appropriate discreet contact of the New York State Parole Board determine the identity of the alleged suspect and advise the Bureau.

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Anastasia³ Suspect Seeks to Leave U.S.

By WILLIAM FEDERICI

The prime suspect in the gangland slaying of Mafia chieftain Albert Anastasia has applied to the State Parole Board for permission to leave the country.

According to Albany sources yesterday the suspect says his family is now living in Italy and he would like to join them. His application was made several months ago, a source revealed, but a decision has not been reached by the board.

Not Ready to Move In

The suspected killer of the Mad Hatter, as Anastasia was called, was paroled last year after serving nearly seven years in Greenhaven prison for assault and robbery.

Sources told THE NEWS that authorities were not yet in a position to move in on the suspect, but were keeping him under surveillance. It was said that he had been under "loose observation" since he was paroled.

Meanwhile, District Attorney Frank Hogan's investigation was accelerated yesterday as several more witnesses were questioned in the 1957 murder, which took place in the ground floor barber-shop of the Park Sheraton Hotel. Hogan reopened the case recently on the basis of major new developments.

A mystery man who recently gave strong corroborative statements to investigators was cred-

ited with giving Hogan's office the chance to bring the case before a grand jury.

"Solid" Witnesses

They have had three "solid eyewitnesses" able to identify the two killers, a source close to the investigation said.

It was also reported yesterday that on the first day of the questioning of witnesses, who include barbers, shoeshine men, a valet and a manicurist and several others subpoenaed by Hogan, one of them told a story that differed from the one given right after the killing.

Investigation by both DA squad detectives and cops from Manhattan South Homicide over the last 11 years has revealed that at least two other gunmen were lurking in other locations near the barber-shop just in case the assigned pair missed. But they didn't. Anastasia was hit five times.

The four gunmen became known in the underworld as the "barber-shop quartet."

New information has been pouring into Hogan's office since it was learned that he had reactivated the case. According to one source, "it seems that more and more people are willing to talk now."

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Al Anastasia

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1957

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Only Family Members at Brief Rites

Dockers Mourn
At Funeral Home;
Bodyguard Quizzed

By AL TURK,
Staff Writer.

With the ghosts of men he had ordered violently dispatched to eternity outnumbering mourners at his funeral, Albert Anastasia today was buried quietly and swiftly in Brooklyn's Green-Wood Cemetery.

Only 14 members of the family of the former enforcer of Murder Inc. were at the graveside on a slight rise near 32nd St. and 5th Ave. as his body was committed to non-consecrated ground. He had died as he lived—by assassination—and the rites of the Catholic church had been denied him.

20-Minute Ceremony.

The entire ceremony took 20 minutes and the six-car cortege which had entered the cemetery at 25th St. and 5th Ave. where about 100 curbs had gathered, sped out by another exit. The funeral was in sharp contrast to other gangland burials.

No long lines of cars, no profusion of flowers. Mourners occupied four cars, trooped quietly to graveside by signal, repeated prayers led by a funeral director and just as silently returned to their autos.

When another Anastasia brother, Joseph, a dock hiring boss, died last year there was a mile-long cortege, \$15,000 in floral tributes and a burial casket worth \$6000.

\$900 Casket.

While a cold wind toppled floral pieces by the grave, Anastasia's plain \$900 casket

inclosed in a wooden box was lowered into the earth. The mourners each tossed a pink rose after it.

A high police official said it was one of the "quietest and quickest" gangster funerals he ever had seen.

Only four of the six cars carried mourners. One held the body, the other carried about a dozen floral offerings. Chauffeurs for the autos acted as pallbearers.

By contrast, there were nine vehicles transporting detectives, newspaper reporters and photographers and news reel men. These were stopped at the cemetery gate by police.

Press Barred.

Albert, 55, who was shot down last Friday, didn't like the press very much, by his brother's admission, and they were barred from his services. Even their view at the cemetery, from outside a fence, was cut off by forming a few large floral pieces as a shield.

Albert's wife, Elsa, was near collapse at the burial ceremony and was supported by her son, Albert Jr., 22. Earlier in the Andrew Torregrossa & Sons Funeral Home at 13th Ave. and 79th St., she had swooned after breaking into sobs.

The cortege left the funeral home at 9:50 a.m. after brief services there for the underworld kingpin said to have been responsible for the death of at least 63 men. In the procession also were Albert's brothers, Anthony (Tough Tony) and Gerardo.

Another brother, the Rev. Salvatore Anastasia, was not at the funeral. But spectators at the cemetery said they recognized him as the priest who had visited the grave and apparently prayed earlier in the morning.

The funeral parlor opened at 8 a.m. and received a steady stream of longshoremen in working attire who filed past the casket and paid their respects to Tony, Brooklyn dock boss. William Bradley, president of the International Longshoremen's Assn. (Ind.) and his general organizer, Thomas (Teddy) Gleason, were first to arrive. They left shortly thereafter.

400 at Funeral Home.

About 400 persons milled outside the funeral home, a handsome white cement building set on a terrace, and a dozen police kept the spectators in check. Angels on plaques under the roof eaves looked down on the scene.

While gangland's slain chief executioner thus was going to his reward police spurred their search for clues to his killers. At the same time, Anthony Coppola, bodyguard for the dead man, was acquitted of vagrancy charges on which he had been held in \$50,000 bail.

The charge against Coppola was dismissed in Manhattan Court and immediately he was taken in tow by detectives for another round of interrogation about last Friday's murder of his boss in the Park Sheraton Hotel barber shop.

Stories Conflict.

Much official attention centered on Coppola, the pudgy man who wasn't there when the man who hired him as a bodyguard was shot to death. Coppola, 49, had given conflicting stories as to his whereabouts when his boss was killed. He was described as "uncooperative" by police.

Police feel Coppola could be of aid if he would talk because they said they know he has been present at meetings between Anastasia and other gangsters.

Meanwhile, Chief of Detectives James B. Leggett said it has been established the two guns police found Friday after the slaying were the murder guns, but were connected to no other crimes and bore no fingerprints.

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Other Killings.

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Scalise, a lieutenant of Charles (Lucky) Luciano, exiled dope king, was shot dead outside a Bronx fruit store June 17—a few days after he conferred with federal narcotics agents and FBI men.

Costello was shot in the head May 2, but only slightly wounded. Detectives investigating this murder attempt learned that the elder statesman of mobdom had been discussing gangland business with an outsider, who repeated Costello's revelations to federal officers.

Costello Rumor.

When Anastasia was slain last Friday morning in the barber shop of the Park Sheraton Hotel, a rumor circulated that the killing was in reprisal for the Costello shooting. But, those who knew Anastasia from the bloody days of Murder Inc. promptly discarded this report.

"If Albert A. had wanted Costello out of the way, Costello would be dead," one police official commented. "Albert's boys didn't bungie a job."

A more plausible theory is that both Costello and Anastasia were the targets of younger, up-and-coming goons who believe the old-time overlords of the underworld have gone soft with time and prosperity.

Call to Cook.

This theory was strengthened by a telephone call to the World-Telegram and Sun from a tough-talking man who asked to speak with crime reporter Fred J. Cook.

"You remember I called you last spring right after Costello was shot and you printed a warning we issued to Anastasia not to butt in?" the anonymous caller asked.

"Yes," said Mr. Cook.

"Well, we're giving another warning now," the caller said.

in which Anastasia met his death would be closed for a few days. The hotel said it had attracted too many sight-seers.

While police appeared to be up against a blank wall as to who, several well-informed police sources theorized as to the why of the killing. Anastasia was executed because like other gang chieftans before him, rival mobsters feared he was about to break the underworld code of silence, they believed.

These sources pointed out that Anastasia had been questioned several times in recent months by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and other federal investigators. His last session with the government sleuths was about three weeks ago.

United States Attorney Paul Williams and his assistants grilled the former boss of Murder, Inc., about labor ricketeering. And the Senate labor rackets committee planned to haul him in as a witness.

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While police appeared to be up against a blank wall as to who, several well-informed police sources theorized as to the why of the killing. Anastasia was executed because like other gang chieftans before him, rival mobsters feared he was about to break the underworld code of silence, they believed.

These sources pointed out that Anastasia had been questioned several times in recent months by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and other federal investigators. His last session with the government sleuths was about three weeks ago.

United States Attorney Paul Williams and his assistants grilled the former boss of Murder, Inc., about labor racketeering. And the Senate labor rackets committee planned to haul him in as a witness.

The Anastasia rubout followed the same pattern as the gangland executions of Willie Moretti and Frank Scalise and the bungled attempt on the life of Frank Costello. All of these top gangsters were marked for death because rivals feared they were leaking underworld secrets.

"This time we're telling Frankie—and I don't mean Cospello—not to interfere. And we're not fooling."

"Whom do you mean by Frankie?"

"Frankie C., but it's not Costello. That's all."

And the mysterious caller hung up. The phone call came while Anastasia's body was still warm on the barbershop floor. The same caller—or someone who sounded just like him—contacted Mr. Cook only two hours after Costello was shot. At that time, he warned: "If Albert or Freddie steps in, they'll get it, too."

Meanwhile, other detective squads scoured the city for a number of top-echelon hoodlums who have been conspicuously absent from their usual haunts since Anastasia was chopped down.

Among those sought for questioning is Anthony (Tony Bender) Strollo, mob boss of Greenwich Village. Strollo has not been seen for a week or more.

Police believe the two gunmen who gave Anastasia a lethal dose of his own medicine were imported to New York from another city, possibly Philadelphia. Their descriptions have been sent to every law enforcement agency in the nation.

'A Little Headway.'

Chief Inspector Thomas Nielson told reporters last night: "I think we're making a little headway in the case."

He refused to elaborate on this comment, however.

Anastasia's chauffeur-bodyguard, Anthony Coppola, 49, is held in \$50,000 bail on a technical charge of vagrancy.

Among other things, police are trying to find out why he wasn't with his boss at the time of the murder. Coppola has told conflicting stories concerning his activities last Friday, police say.

THREE-STAR EXTRA

Victor Riesel

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The punishment fit the crime today for the Lord High Executioner of Murder, Inc. Albert Anastasia was laid to rest in a grim little cemetery on the outskirts of New York, and there were very few mourners. As a matter of fact, the caravan of newspapermen and newspaper photographers outnumbered the number of mourners.

But back in New York there was considerable activity, because it was learned that Albert Anastasia--the man who was reputed to have killed sixty-one people, or directed their murder--was under investigation again by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the agents had been grilling him for some three weeks at the direction of crusading U.S. Attorney Paul Williams.

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Last Tuesday, Three-Star Extra learned, Paul Williams brought together a new Grand Jury and told them that one of the men he was going after was Anastasia. This was about the time that the underworld was getting mighty weary of the Lord High Executioner. For almost five years they had been urging him to retire. For five years they considered him a liability, and in the opinion of the most informed men in the Federal Government, it was this effort to dispatch Anastasia, to keep from new scandals breaking around that famous name--that name that was synonymous with violence--that finally led the underworld to hit him.

Most of the Barons of the underworld are now mighty wealthy. They want no attention. They know that everytime a scandal breaks the Treasury Agents come down upon them, accountants rip their books wide open, the police drag them in, and soon everybody knows their business. This time they decided to dispatch Anastasia before the scandal broke.

This is Victor Riesel.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *R*
FROM : C. A. Evans *L*
SUBJECT: ALBERT ANASTASIA

DATE: 10-29-57

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Boardman *✓*
Belmont *✓*
Mohr *✓*
Parsons *✓*
Rosen *✓*
Tamm *✓*
Trotter *✓*
Nease *✓*
Tele. Room *✓*
Holloman *✓*
Gandy *✓*

This is submitted in connection with the Director's inquiry concerning a statement in an article published in the 10-29-57 "New York Herald Tribune" to the effect that Anastasia, who was killed in gangland fashion last Friday, had been questioned by FBI Agents within the last three weeks. Anastasia was interviewed only on one occasion by Bureau Agents and this was on 9-12-57.

We have checked with ASAC E. J. McCabe of the New York Division who in turn checked with the Newark Division inasmuch as Anastasia resided in Palisade, New Jersey and McCabe advised that Anastasia had been interviewed by Bureau Agents on only one occasion. This interview took place on 9-12-57. The interview was conducted in the office of [redacted] and lasted for approximately thirty minutes. Anastasia was interviewed with reference to his connection with the Madison Dress Company, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Anastasia admitted that he had owned a 50% interest in this company since 1948 but that he had not participated in the operation of the company and that the company was operated by [redacted]

This interview was conducted in connection with an Anti-Racketeering investigation which was requested by Assistant United States Attorney Charles H. Miller of the Southern District of New York on 7-22-57. Investigation was completed in a report submitted by the Newark Division on 9-20-57, which is the report incorporating the interview with Anastasia. The case is now pending a decision of the United States Attorney's office in the Southern District of New York.

We have also secured the details of comments made by Victor Riesel on the "Three-Star Extra" news program over National Broadcasting Company on 10-28-57. In this broadcast, Riesel stated that Anastasia was under investigation by the FBI and Agents had been grilling him for some three weeks at the direction of crusading United States Attorney Paul Williams.

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The statement by Riesel is not accurate since we interviewed Anastasia only on one occasion and this interview was 50 minutes and a half hour in length. ASAC McCabe checked with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted]

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[redacted] into allegations the company had "paid off" union representatives and racketeers

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Miller of the Southern District of New York who advised that Anastasia had not been interviewed at all by the United States Attorney's office.

Riesel also said in his broadcast that Williams had brought together a new grand jury and told him that one of the men he was going after was Anastasia; that the underworld had considered Anastasia a liability and for almost five years had been urging him to retire. Riesel further indicated in his broadcast that Anastasia was killed to keep new scandals from breaking out since such scandals caused Treasury Agents and the police to intensify action against the underworld.

It is noted that the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York which has been hearing witnesses with regard to Anti-Racketeering matters in the garment industry expired last summer and the United States Attorney's office impaneled a new grand jury on 10-22-57. This new grand jury is also to hear witnesses regarding Anti-Racketeering matters. Little public notice was taken of the fact that this new grand jury was impaneled and no information has been received that it was to be concerned with Anastasia's affairs.

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Jail Haven Disdained By Coppola Anastasia's Aid Due to Post Bail

By Milton Lewis

Anthony Coppola was held in \$50,000 bail late yesterday as a material witness because authorities feared he would suffer the same bloody fate as Al-

...the man walks out. It may very well be the beginning of open warfare by the hoodlums in this city. Alexander Herman, assistant district attorney in charge of the homicide bureau, warned in General Sessions.

Judge Abraham N. Geller agreed with the prosecutor, for he fixed the high bond for Coppola, forty-nine, Anastasia's "coffee sergeant." But Joseph Panzer, Coppola's counsel, predicted that the bail would be posted within a day or two. As for the 5-foot, 5-inch, 200-pound Coppola, he bragged, "There's nothing on earth I fear."

"I haven't an enemy in the world," Coppola insisted to the court. "And I thought Mr. Anastasia hadn't any either. I was just a friend of his. May God have mercy on his soul wherever he is!"

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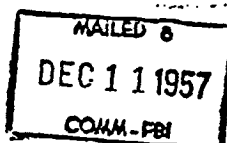
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